

FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

Submitted by: Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs

Finding: *(i.e., Conclusions reached after investigation and/or evaluation of facts)* No long-term, secure funding source exists for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan projects or for pre-fire prevention programs, basin-wide, for defensible space on improved property and vacant lots.

Background and Supporting Evidence: *(A short statement justifying the Finding and describing desired outcome(s); usually no more than half a page.)* Local government fire agencies in the Tahoe Basin have previously identified the White Pine Amendment, SNPLMA monies for fuels reduction and defensible space programs. It's apparent that these funds can't be counted on as a secure, stable funding source into the future. Locals have also identified funds from NDF, Title 3 and Proposition 40, but the long-term prognosis of these programs is unknown.

Local fire agencies have also identified the need for property-owner-supported assessments and taxes for the local contribution along with local matches from direct property-owner involvement. However, State and Federal funding sources should be identified to ensure the magnitude of initial treatments and long-term maintenance can be accomplished.

Recommendation(s) *(Based upon an analysis of the Finding, the following recommendation(s) should be made to the Governors):*

A secure and stable funding source must be identified for Community Wildfire Protection Plan projects and defensible space on improved and vacant lots.

Impacts of Implementation: *(The implementation of any Recommendation is likely to have specific impacts. Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas):*

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is REQUIRED (Best Estimate):

☐ Cost

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- ☐ Funding source
- ☐ Staffing
- ☐ Existing regulations and/or laws

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is OPTIONAL:

- ☐ Operational
- ☐ Social
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Policy
- ☐ Health and Safety
- ☐ Environmental
- ☐ Interagency